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SUBJ: COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS - ARGENTINE DELEGATION VIEWS

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1. BRIGADIER (RET) ARTURO PONS BEDOYA, UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE, WILL SERVE AS GOA DELEGATE AND DR CARLOS NORBERTO CAGLIOTTI, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR SOCIAL REEDUCATION, WILL SERVE AS ALTERNATE. BIOS BELOW. ACCORDING TO A MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS SOURCE, PONS WILL HAVE A PASSIVE ROLE AND CAGLIOTTI AN ACTIVE ONE AT THE CND. DELEGATION WILL HAVE A FAIRLY FREE HAND IN MAKING OWN DECISIONS.

2. ON FEBRUARY 11 EMBASSY OFFICER MET WITH CAGLIOTTI AND WITH DR HECTOR LAURENCE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF GOA INTERMINISTERIAL BODY FOR NARCOTICS (CONATON), TO REVIEW AGENDA AND PRESENT USG VIEWS. CAGLIOTTI AND LAURENCE GIVEN SANITIZED VERSION OF PARAS 1-4 REF B.

3. CAGLIOTTI FULLY CONVERSANT WITH SUBSTANCE OF AGENDA ITEM
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NO 9. SAID HE (AND THUS PRESUMABLY GOA) UNDERSTOOD AND SUP-

PORTED USG POSITION AS A "THEORETICALLY DESIRABLE" GOAL. IMPLIED ARGENTINE DELEGATION MIGHT WELL BE PREPARED COSPONSOR AN APPROPRIATE RESOLUTION, PROVIDED IT NOT TOO CONTENTIOUS.

4. GOA RECOGNIZES PRESENT NEED FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS OF CND AND IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CONCEPT OF ALTERNATING ANNUAL WITH SPECIAL SESSIONS. NEITHER CAGLIOTTI NOR LAURENCE WOULD COMMENT ON PRINCIPLE OF BIENNIAL REGULAR MEETINGS OF ECOSOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES IN GENERAL.

5. RE UNFDAC, LAURENCE NOTED THAT GOA HAD CONTRIBUTED US \$3,000 IN 1972. STATED THAT HE AGREED WITH US THAT OTHER STATES SHOULD ALSO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE FUND. SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO CONATON CHAIRMAN IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN AT LEAST A "SYMBOLIC" CONTRIBUTION. (EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO RAISED THIS POINT ON FEBRUARY 12 WITH DR VINCENT OLGUIN, ARGENTINE MEMBER OF INCB, WHO SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A SECOND CONTRIBUTION IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.)

6. BIO DATA ON PONS SCANTY. HE IS APPROXIMATELY 60 YEARS OLD AND A RETIRED AIR FORCE BG. HE HAS HAD NO EXPERIENCE IN THE NARCOTICS FIELD THAT WE KNOW OF, ALTHOUGH AS UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE HE IS A MEMBER OF CONATON. CAGLIOTTI'S RECORD IS FAR MORE IMPRESSIVE. AGE 36, HE IS A PSYCHIATRIST WHO ORGANIZED AND IS NOW THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOA ADDICT REHABILITATION CENTER. HE WAS THE FIRST EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF CONATON, AND HAS TRAVELED AT LEAST TWICE TO THE US TO STUDY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION TECHNIQUES. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE GOA DELEGATION TO THE VIENNA CONFERENCE TO THE 1961 SINGLE CONVENTION AND IS OBVIOUSLY MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE PRODUCTION PROBLEMS RELATING TO NARCOTICS. HE SPEAKS LITTLE IF ANY ENGLISH.

ACTION REQUESTED:

7. FOR GENEVA. (A) CAGLIOTTI EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN RENEWING HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH HEALTH ATTACHE BLOOD. SUGGEST YOU MAY WISH TO USE THIS CHANNEL FOR A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP DURING THE CONFERENCE. (B) EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES SHOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING TWO FULL SETS IN SPANISH AND ONE FULL SET IN ENGLISH OF ALL SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING MINUTES, WORKING GROUP REPORTS, ETC. PLEASE AIRPOUCH "ATTN: SA/N".

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